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MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM:

for

Bureau Procurement and Head of Contracting Officers

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SUBJECT:

CSTARS to FPDS-NG Link

Effectively immediately the Department of Commerce will no longer use the Commerce Standard Acquisition and Reporting System (CSTARS) interface to the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) to report procurement-related data. Contracting specialist should enter data directly into FPDS-NG
<https://www.fpds.gov>.

The intent of the FPDS-NG system is to allow for millions of procurement transactions from across the federal government to be recorded and reported upon in real-time. FPDS-NG gives both the government and the public immediate visibility and accessibility into the spending of the federal government.

Entering FPDS-NG data via CSTARS has become cumbersome, difficult and increasingly frustrating for our Acquisition Community. This also severely impacts the Department's ability to report accurate and timely socioeconomic goals, procurement office workload and Balanced Scorecard performance results.

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